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Dear both,

There will be a delay in my sending you any part of Inside, as I learned in trying to retrieve what has been done from the Hood student and former student who had been working on it. The former student was doing very well but first she got a job and then promotions that entailed longer hours. Between her and the student who was to replace her the replacement was to have gotten all from her. Several time when I phoned the replacement there was a recorded announcement. I left messages and got no responses. I assumed she and her family were on vacation. I phoned again after you left and again got no response. But Saturday I did. I asked her to bring it all to me and she then told me that she had Not gotten it from the graduate. I then called her and the recorded announcement on that phone gave the name of a different woman! So I left a message on it asking to be put in touch with her. There was no return call Saturday or yesterday or Monday. Somewhere I have the address of the graduate and when I find it I'll write her. She should be having her mail forwarded. I think also I have the phone number where she works in Washington. What I want most of all is the diskette. About 20 chapters were done and corrected. But if there is any real delay I think if it does not entail too much computer work later I'll send later sections. It is in sections that should appear as parts, by subject. I am confident they will need some rearranging. The box in which I have Inside is heavier than I'm permitted to lift. It is atop the file cabinets. So I've been inserting them physically without checking to see whether they are inserted where they should be.

I can tell I think what chapters are out to be retyped and what are out for correction of what was ~~r~~ retyped. If so that can give me a place to start if as I believe, what is on one diskette can easily be inserted into or added to an existing one. If this is so then when I have it all it can be put teogether as I had in mind or it can be corrected and inserted where it should be rather than where I had in mind.

I have discovered a problem that did not exist for me before when I had two different students doing this. For some reason not apparent to me the two Malaysaian girls shifted margins. If the ~~margi~~margins are unchanged checking the corrections is much easier and faster, even if the corrections change lines and paragraphing. They were working on my Newman work. They were also two weeks late in bringing it to me. I suspect that was so that the one who was doing the typing would have no more to do and to make the ripoff I suspect possible. Their time accounts are not credible and they had no accounting of the time with them. They are to provide it. But the retyper leaves today for another college.

It happens that the college did not remove the notice of my looking fof

typing from the board. I got a call last week for a student looking for work. She is from Ghana and known to one of the Malaysian girls, the one who is staying at Hood. So I've sent her the Newman Epilogue. I've been delayed in returning to the Afterword I have started. So, hopefully, before long I'll have that hasty and rough ms. completed.

The other Malaysian girl is studying computers. I'd asked her to get me a printout I could use from what was eliminated from Hoax. She delivered that on Saturdays, too. So I'll be able to add that to the Mailer book when I clean this Newman one up. At that this is my plan as of today.

Today a cousin will drive us to Hopkins for my delayed semi-annual cardiovasculer check on the legs. It is an afternoon appointment and the trip alone usually tires me. But absent new interruptions I should have the corrections in the Neman ms. checked by tomorrow evening and then, hopefully, I can return to the Afterword and when I can after that get back onto Mailer- about which I've already forgotten so much!

Dave was excited when I told him of your offer yesterday. As we are. I was just talking to Lil about that and think that once we can replace our paper supply we'll copy it all beginning ~~here~~ where I am certain there will be no duplication. I've been making copies as a protection against a part of a section getting lost in the mails, etc.

Resumed 3/28. I've written the former student at her place of work and hope to hear from her soon. The student who was working on the Mailer book I've just learned had return to the Barbados to see her family and is back in Frederick. I should hear from her soon.

If I did not mention it above, the student who is to take over what remains to be done on the Newman ms. is from Ghana. She speaks English without any accent. I've asked the Malaysian student to ask her to come and see me. The Caller ID reflects no call from her when we were away yesterday.

But I do hope that work, on both manuscripts, does continue and better than the gone Malaysian girl did. Most of the correction I've picked up were those she ignored and that I had made!

If we can we'll get the paper today and then when she can Lil will start the copying past where the work is out to be done and hasn't been.

Best,
Harold